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Aruba International Film Festival

Four more days for film lovers of great festival events



Latin American heartthrobs, Alfonso Herrera and Ruddy Rodriguez, stars of Venezia

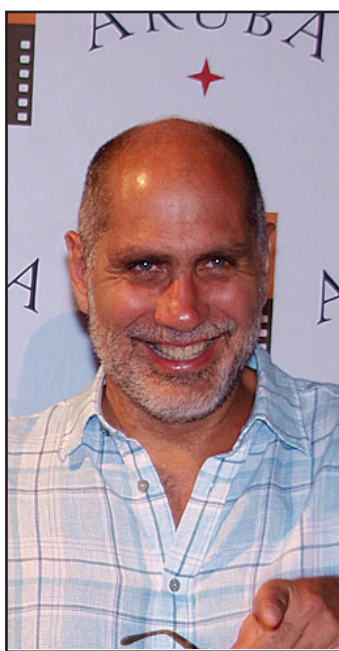
Today marks a special day for the first annual AIFF, which began on Friday, June 4. The Cinemas in Paseo Herencia Mall has scheduled screenings beginning from 5:00 p.m. of a remarkable mélange of international films. Today and tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. families can catch the world premiere of "Nanny McPhee & the Big Bank," which is scheduled to hit U.S. theaters in August. Tickets are available at the AIFF Point of Sale store at Paseo Herencia, where an attractive collection of festival logo souvenir gear can be found at very reasonable prices.

This afternoon, press and public can sit with noted filmmaker Griffin Dunne, who has been featured in over 40 films and television appearances, including starring turns in "An American Werewolf in London," and "After Hours." He was also a director and co-writer of "Duke of Groove" for which he received an Academy award nomination for Best Live Action Short Film, and premiered his short film "Vero-

nica" at the AIFF on Sunday.

Tonight's premier movie "Cairo Time," features renowned character actress Patricia Clarkson, who has arrived to walk the red carpet and will share time with her public tomorrow afternoon. These interactive sessions take place at 3:30 p.m. in The Cinemas, and tickets cost only \$14. Over the weekend, Hollywood legend Richard Gere and three-time Oscar winner for Best Editing, Thelma Schoonmaker, provided memorable sessions to packed houses eager to share their insights and anecdotes from long, distinguished careers in the film industry.

Some may remember Patricia Clarkson as the wife of Elliot Ness in "The Untouchables," starring Kevin Costner. She has received countless nominations for her acerbic performances, won two Emmys for her role in the HBO series "Six Feet Under," and was nominated for an Oscar for her role in "Pieces of April." A shining star of the independent film industry, she



Guillermo Arriaga, writer and director of The Burning Plain

has deftly portrayed many quirky and thought-provoking characters.

Thursday evening will embody all that is Bollywood with the Red Carpet premier of "3 Idiots," considered India's biggest box office winner. It will screen with English subtitles; the film's director, Rajkumar Hirani will walk the red carpet at 7:00 p.m. with two of the stars, Ranganathan Madhavan and Sharman Arvind, prior to the screening. The evening will continue afterwards with "A Tribute to Bollywood" at the Marriott Aruba Resort & Stellaris Casino, where island dancers will perform the closing dance scene of "Slumdog Millionaire," under the direction of the film's choreographer, Longinus Fernandes, also a guest of the festival.

The AIFF will close a with spectacular evening in Oranjestad beginning with the screening of "Cyrus," starring John C. Reilly, Maria Tomai, Jonah Hill and Catherine Keener. The farewell gala will take place on Renaissance Island, with fireworks, a fabulous buffet and a "surprise



Alfonso Herrera autographs a shirt for a fan

celebrity band."

The red carpet premieres are only a small sample of the more than 30 films being screened at both The Cinemas at Paseo Herencia and Renaissance Marketplace in Oranjestad throughout the week. Don't miss what promises to be other great independent gems such "Billy Munday" starring Patrick Wright, "A NY Thing," Guillermo Arriaga's "The Burning Plain," starring Charlize

Theron and Kim Basinger to mention only a few, and catch a bit of Aruban history dramatized in "Boy Ecury," the Dutch film which immortalizes the island's great WW II hero, tomorrow at 5:00 p.m.

Full schedules and descriptions of all premieres, events and visiting celebrities can be found at the AIFF Point of Sale store and online at www.aiff.aw.

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WASHINGTON/VENICE, Louisiana — Energy giant BP Plc plans to soon double the amount of oil it captures from its ruptured Gulf of Mexico well, while the Gulf Coast will be struggling with the environmental mess from the huge spill for years, the Coast Guard said yesterday.

Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen, who leads the government's relief effort, said London-based BP hoped to collect 20,000 barrels (840,000 gallons/3.18 million liters) per day in its latest effort to contain the spill, which has now affected 120 miles of coastline.

The figure underscored some scientists' concerns that the May 27 government estimate of up to 19,000 barrels

coming daily from the well a mile under the sea surface may be too low. BP had estimated the flow at just 5,000 barrels a day.

The 49-day-old spill is causing an ecological and economic disaster along the U.S. Gulf Coast, and BP's latest effort to contain the gushing oil is the first positive sign after a series of failed attempts fueled public anger at the company.

The earlier efforts generated initial optimism that an end to the crisis was in sight, but those hopes were dashed when the crude kept spewing out. Allen said BP's latest attempt -- placing a containment cap on top of the gushing pipe on the ocean floor -- appeared to be going "fairly well."

Israeli patrol kills four militants in diving suits

GAZA, Israel — An Israeli naval patrol killed at least four Palestinian militants in diving gear off the Gaza coast yesterday, Hamas security officials and the Israeli army said.

"An Israeli naval patrol spotted a boat with four men in diving suits on their way to carry out a terror attack and fired at them," an Israeli army spokesman said, adding that the patrol had confirmed hitting its targets.

The spokesman did not say what the army thought was the intended objective of the divers.

Hamas security sources said four bodies had been found and a fifth man was

missing and presumed dead.

The incident occurred eight days after Israeli marines killed nine Turks in violent confrontations on a Turkish cruise ship which was part of a six-vessel convoy that set out to challenge an Israeli-led blockade of the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip.

In Egypt, an Egyptian security official declared the blockade of Gaza a failure and said his country will keep its border with the Palestinian territory open indefinitely. Egypt opened its border with Gaza soon after Israel's deadly raid on an international flotilla of activists trying to break the blockade a week ago.

Van der Sloot seeks own lawyer in Peru murder case

LIMA, Peru — Joran van der Sloot will spend all week at criminal police headquarters being questioned in the death of a 21-year-old Lima woman and has asked to be able to hire his own lawyer.

The Dutchman, who is also the prime suspect in U.S. teen Natalee Holloway's 2005 disappearance in Aruba, is being held in a seventh-floor cell with a bunk bed and blanket and gets three hot meals a day, said Maj. Jose Gamboa, spokesman for the Peruvian national police.

They pull out of his backpack a laptop, a business-card holder and 15 bills in foreign currency. Van der Sloot tells

police the money includes Thai, Cambodian and Bolivian currency. He is asked for credit cards and documents and appears to say — his Spanish is very rudimentary — that they are in a hotel room back in Chile.

Peru's chief homicide investigator, Col. Miguel Canlla, would neither confirm nor deny a Sunday report in the Lima newspaper El Comercio that van der Sloot told his Peruvian questioners he was innocent of the Flores killing.

Dutch Embassy chief consular officer Angela Lowe said her government was providing van der Sloot with "regular consular assistance, which

means an occasional consular visit, and we will make sure he is being treated decently, just like any other inmate."

She said Peruvian authorities have assured the Dutch government they are treating him well. "They are taking this case very seriously," she added. "The world is watching."

Van der Sloot is one of 117 Dutch citizens currently in Peruvian jails or prisons, most of them on drug-related charges, Lowe said.

The suspect spoke to his mother by telephone for the first time Saturday, Lowe said, adding that she did not know whether the mother plans to travel to Peru.

Ex-Union Carbide officials sentenced over Bhopal leak

BHOPAL, India — A court yesterday convicted seven Indian former employees of U.S. chemical firm Union Carbide of negligence and sentenced them to two years in jail for the world's worst industrial accident that killed thousands in 1984.

Hundreds of protesters, many waving placards saying "hang the guilty" and "they are traitors of the nation," tried to force their way inside the court complex as a judgment for which activists have campaigned for a quarter-century was delivered.

"Let us in. They may have been punished, but what about us? There are so many of us who have not received any compensation," said Shanta Bai, a gas victim.

The government says around 3,500 people died after a Union Carbide plant in the central city of Bhopal accidentally released toxic gases into the air toward nearby slums.

Activists say 25,000 died in the immediate aftermath and the years that followed.

The seven former employees were also fined 100,000 rupees (\$2,100), while the for-

mer Indian arm of Union Carbide was convicted of the same offence of negligence and fined 500,000 rupees (\$10,600). An eighth employee who was accused has died.

Activists and survivors said the sentences were too light and too long in coming through India's notoriously

slow-moving justice system, which has a shortage of judges struggling to clear millions of cases in backlog.

The Supreme Court in 1996 also ruled the accused could not be tried for culpable homicide but only for negligence, which carries a shorter sentence.



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Bon Bini Festival is tonight!

ORANJESTAD -- The weekly Bon Bini festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminstraat. The festival is for tourists and locals to mix and mingle and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture.

This weeks the festival will feature the traditional Aruban Caha d'Orgal. "Crystal," musical group; "Los Amigos," Dance groups: "Kids in Action," and "Sunrise Dancers,"

solo singer: "Hilyann Croes" and steelband: "Tradition Steel." MC is Juby Naar

Arubus has regularly scheduled bus transport from all hotel areas to Oranjestad's central terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is US\$2.30.

The festival is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Entrance is 5 Aruban florin or \$3.

Methodist Church WOMEN AUXILIARY celebrates their 35th ANNIVERSARY

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June 13th Negro Spiritual Singspirational
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Sun 5:30am

The White Yellow Cross and Arubaway Foundation presents: Awareness project on obesity to Minister Richard Visser

According to the last figures in 2007 chronic illnesses has increased, which is becoming a serious situation in our community. Actually different organizations and service clubs are doing their utmost to combat obesity on Aruba. The White Yellow Cross joined forces with the Arubaway Foundation to sponsor a television production to instill awareness in the community on the consequences of obesity. The two organizations want to run the program on television as well as in doctor offices and all government public offices.

According to Mr. Gino Goeloe of the White Yellow Cross, "something has to be done, such as a national strategic plan, in order to attack the problem from its roots, from basic school education to senior citizens. This we can accomplish by working together."

The White Yellow Cross is doing its utmost by organizing lectures and presentations at different companies like hotels, government departments and private companies. There they do test of sugar levels, cholesterol, blood pressure, weight and triglyceride. One thing that stood out is that almost 50% of the employees at those companies suffer of high levels of triglyceride. The White Yellow Cross now teaches the companies and personnel alike that they have to eat healthy. They will continue with the check-ups to make people aware of their body.



"We must start giving respect to our body because if we do not, then who will respect it, who will take care of it?" a spokesperson says.

The White Yellow Cross wants to be a role model on Aruba. According to Gino Goeloe, "if Aruba does not stress on prevention, we will notice an increase in our health expenses. Almost 80% of the AZV (Aruba's General Health Insurance) funds goes to the cure, and this cannot continue. We must invest more money in prevention and care."

Statistics show that the Netherlands i.e. invests 45,12 milliard Euros annually in health, of which 46.8% goes to cure, while 37.6% goes to prevention and care. On Aruba, AWG 340,538 million is invested on our health system of which 78.6% is for cure and only 8.2% goes for prevention and care. In comparison with the Netherlands, on Aruba we spend more money in cure, while we can focus

more on prevention and care, and avoid serious health situations and complications.

For example, if one can prevent a person from becoming a diabetic or getting a heart-attack or brain hemorrhage, the AZV does not need to spend so much in the cure.

Recently, the two organizations visited Minister Richard Visser to give him more information on the television production they are preparing. The program is to make people in our community aware on how to live healthier and will consist of 13 series. The White Yellow Cross and Arubaway Foundation express that they are proud to contribute to the wellbeing of the general community.

Photo shows, l.to r., Minister of Health Richard Visser, dietitian Mrs. C. Bryson, White Yellow Cross Director Gino Goeloe, Arubaway Foundation representative Mrs. M. Falconi-Rasmijn and Sky Televisions Director Mr. N. Thijssen.

Thanks to Minister Sevinger Aruba is becoming a cleaner island

Last Sunday, another cleanup action took place on Aruba. The cleanup action is the idea of Minister of Infrastructure, Integration and Environment Benny Sevinger.

This time it was the turn of Tanki Leendert and its vicinity. The cleanup was deemed a complete success, taking into account that no less than 16 Serlimar garbage containers were filled. The inhabitants commented to be very satisfied with this action; it makes people aware to stop throwing garbage on the streets which is not healthy for the community.

The government, on its part, assures everyone that it will continue with these types of awareness programs to educate all those who are still throwing bottles, plastic and other type garbage on the road,



in the mondi, or on any piece of land, which is harmful to our flora and fauna as well as to our health; Minister Sevinger for his part says that the reorganizing of the City Inspector Department is almost complete, which will be in charge to perform different types of controls and if necessary, fine all those who in one way or the other, litter the country.

As for the cleanups, the

container services will continue this weekend in Noord and its vicinity.

The containers will be placed on the parking lot of the Centro Deportivo Frans Figaroa and the government expect everyone to make good use of this opportunity.

Let see if Noord can break the record of last Sunday, where Tanki Leendert filled no less than 16 containers!

Aruba International Film Festival Conversations with....Richard Gere



event and grow in scope. During dialogs with public and press he expressed his sincere hope that would be so, as he felt it a wonderful venue for independent filmmakers to show their work and get exposure. It does offer a great boon to the island residents as well, as many of these artistic gems often do not make their way to Aruban theaters because of complex business agreements and the vicissitudes of the industry's marketing and distribution practices.

The bold venture of the Aruba International Film Festival conceptualized by islander Jonathan Vieira and his good friend, Italian filmmaker Giuseppe Cioccarelli, conducted its first premier red carpet event on Friday, June 4. The fledgling festival was fortunate to have respected Italian filmmaker and a member of the Venice Film Festival Board, Claudio Massenza as Artistic Director, bringing with him his connections and clout to distinguish the AIFF with some stellar personalities well established in the filmmaking firmament.

Claudio revealed he only needed to suggest of his involvement in seeing the AIFF a success to his friend of 30 years, Richard Gere, and Gere's immediate response was "What do you need from me?" This resulted in him being named official host of the inaugural AIFF, with the film in which he starred and also produced, "Hachiko; A Dog's Story," being the opening night premiere.

Mr. Gere took time from shooting "The Double" in Detroit to fly to Aruba for approximately 24 hours to help provide the foundation of what is hoped will be an annual

During the short time he was on Aruba, Richard Gere gave generously of his time to his fans and the media, during a public Q & A at The Cinemas in Paseo Herencia, the first of a daily series of dialogs with visiting celebrities, and a special press conference.

The film "Hachiko," generated quite some interest; Gere explained he made the movie as a gift to his eight-year-old son, "However, we soon realized when got into the editing room that it is really not a picture for young children. There is a pervasive sadness to the film; but I feel it is a positive lesson on the aspect of dealing with the acceptance of death. I would recommend it for families with children my son's age or older, and we found during testing that teenagers overwhelmingly responded to it."

Gere also admitted that he was not the true star of the film, which was the dog, and discussed the challenges of working with animals, especially when they have the dominant role. "We just shot me interacting with the dogs (3 Akitas were employed) for hours and hours, letting them do what they wanted, recording their responses and actions. Some times we had

wonderful footage we didn't even expect, others we had nothing we could use. It requires a great deal of patience. I became producer on the film because I had a creative vision for it, which I needed to be the producer to realize. It is not a job description I crave; I prefer being an actor."

A film star with Richard Gere's vast resume is qualified to define what makes a professional, "There are amateur actors out there doing some wonderful things, but when you need someone to be able to walk in cold and believably demonstrate certain emotions on Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m., then you hire a professional, who you can count on to do it the next Thursday and the Thursday after that if need be. That is what makes an actor a professional."

Brought up to be a musician, Gere first began performing with bands, and learned to play a diversity of instruments during his childhood. In "Hachiko," he portrays a university musical professor, doing his own piano playing in the film. "I came to New York with the intention of being an actor and with my experience and long hair was just what they needed for the kind of musicals that were popular at the time, so I found work immediately. For some time I disdained films, I was a "theater person," a New York actor." He played small parts in a few films from 1973 to 1977, including a guest shot on "Kojak" and then broke through with the part of "Tony" in "Looking for Mr. Goodbar" The major role in the part that brought him stardom was in Terrance Malik's haunting "Days of Heaven." He expressed being so impressed by Malik's filmmaking in "Badlands," that he was eager to work with the young director.

A long and successful career has been punctuated by his conversion to Buddhism, a commitment to the survival of the people of Tibet and indigenous people around the world, and the establishment of The Gere Foundation working towards that end.

Aruban dignitaries awarded Gere the first Golden Aruba Humanitarian Award for tempering his success with continual efforts to help the less fortunate. "I believe you can never be truly happy unless you are helping others," he responded to a question regarding his efforts. "If you spread the happiness, it will come back to you."

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Native arts and artists showcased at the Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival on Friday



Artists Frank Croes and Edmund Tujeehut and their work



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Pork tenderloin with mixed mashed potatoes



Smoked duck breast with red onion compote

The 6th annual Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival, which took place over the past weekend at the Westin Aruba Resort in Palm Beach featured three nights of remarkable dining and fine wines punctuated by

the stirring works by Aruban artists recognized locally and internationally.

Thursday was the Best Chef competition between the masters of the kitchens from the island's finest restaurants, and the



closing dinner was a sparkling tribute to the various vintages of Moët Chandon Champagne paired to a five course meal devised by a celebrity chef from Venezuela. However, Friday evening was a showcase of home grown talents, Aruba's future chefs, the students of the EPI Culinary Institute.

Aruba's middle school dedicated to the hospitality service industry produces graduates with an Associates Degree in the field of hospitality management as well as restaurant and café service and chefs certified with the American Culinary Federation. Students worked in teams with established island chefs from various venues to devise Friday night's menu and one of the most popular events of the entire festival.

Not only is that night the official opening of the art exhibition, allowing art lovers to single out the works they desire to purchase, but they also enjoy a diverse selection of gourmet dishes. This year, for the first time, the EPI collaborated with the festival to present some stunning and delectable cuisine, paired with unlimited wine tasting from all of Aruba's purveyors of fine vintages.

This irresistible combination brought tourists and residents alike to the Westin



ballroom. They savored exotic items such as a fruit aspic garnishing smoked duck breast or pork tenderloins combined with mashed sweet potatoes.

The evening was all about

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While He did say that it would still take one hour to reach cities in Hebei Province like Shijiazhuang, Qinhuangdao and Chengde, it would only take two hours to reach Shenyang, Jinan, Zhengzhou and Taiyuan.

Reaching Changchun, Dalian, Nanjing, Hefei and

Hohhot, he said, would take three hours. Getting to Harbin, Xi'an, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Nanchang and Fuzhou would take between four to eight hours.

Other experts at the forum said that high-speed railway lines would do wonders to boost the country's economy and make it easier to transport resources.

During the same two years the total length of working railway lines in China will reportedly increase from 80,000 kilometers to more than 100,000 kilometers, 18,000 kilometers of which will be high-speed passenger rails.

China currently has the most high-speed rails in the world with more than 6,500 kilometers of track running trains at speeds of either 200 to 500 kilometers per hour or 350 kilometers per hour.

Costa Rica puts brakes on popular stem cell tourism

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — Costa Rica is cracking down on an unauthorized stem cell clinic that has attracted hundreds of foreigners seeking relief from degenerative diseases and serious injuries.

Better known for its idyllic tropical beaches and lush cloud forests, Costa Rica's many hospitals and clinics have made medical tourism one of the fastest growing segments of its tourism sector, the motor of its economy.

They lure tens of thousands of foreigners seeking surgery, dental work, cancer treatment, cosmetic surgery, and dozens of other procedures at a fraction of their cost in the United States.

Until this week, one of those draws was stem cell treatment, using master cells gleaned from umbilical cords, fat and elsewhere.

The health ministry last month ordered the country's largest stem cell clinic to stop offering treatments, arguing there is no evidence that the

treatments work or are safe.

"If (stem cell treatment's) efficiency and safety has not been proven, we don't believe it should be used," said Dr. Ileana Herrera, chief of the ministry's research council. "As a health ministry, we must always protect the human being."

The clinic's owner, Arizona entrepreneur Neil Rioridan, told Reuters he closed the clinic and admitted the treatments, involving the removal and re-injection of stem cells, had not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"I think her point was that it is not FDA approved," he said in a telephone interview from Panama.

The ministry said the clinic had a permit to store the adult stem cells, extracted from patients' own fat tissue, bone marrow and donated umbilical cords, but is not authorized to perform the treatment.

Paper industry tests genetically altered trees

TAMPA, Fla. — The commercial paper industry's plans to plant forests of genetically altered eucalyptus trees in seven Southern states have generated more cries from critics worried that such a large introduction of a bio-engineered nonnative plant could throw natural ecosystems out of whack.

ArborGen, a biotechnology venture affiliated with three large paper companies, got U.S. Department of Agriculture approval last month for field trials involving as many as 250,000 trees planted at 29 sites during the next few years. Much smaller lots of the genetically altered trees have been growing in some of the states for years.

Australian eucalyptus trees grow faster than native hardwoods and produce high-quality pulp perfect for paper production, but thus far, they have been able to thrive only in very warm climates. South Carolina-based ArborGen genetically altered the trees to withstand freezing temperatures, and the idea with the test forests is to see how far north they can now be grown.

The test sites will cover a total of about 300 acres in Florida, South Carolina, Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Louisiana.

While genetically engineered crops such as corn and soybeans have become common, ArborGen's experiment marks the first large planting of designer trees in the United States. The company says plantations of hearty, faster-growing eucalyptus could produce more timber in a smaller area and allow conservation of natural forests.

But critics say that despite the USDA's assurance that the trees pose no environmental threat, not enough is known about their effect on natural surroundings.

"We have many reservations about it," said Neil J. Carman, a biologist who serves on the Sierra Club's genetic engineering committee. "We don't think the scientific evidence is in yet that says this is a good idea."

Anne Petermann, executive director of the activist group Global Justice Ecology Project, said eucalyptus trees are invasive, require vast amounts of water that could reduce groundwater levels, and increase the wildfire risk because they are so flammable.

"This is quite a dangerous tree to be mass planting," Petermann said.



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Adobe Flash 10.0, Reader, Acrobat Can Be Hijacked



The mainstream 10.0 generation of Flash are vulnerable to an unpatched vulnerability which is being exploited in the wild according to Adobe.

The 9.x versions of Adobe Reader and Acrobat which incorporate 10.0 Flash support are also vulnerable.

Specifically, Flash versions 10.0.45.2 and earlier are affected on Windows, Mac, Linux and Solaris. You can check the version of your Flash client at this web page; note that if you have multiple web browsers they may have different versions of Flash.

The 10.1 generation of Flash, currently in Release Candidate, is not affected by this vulnerability. Users can download the 10.1 beta from Adobe at this link, and this version is also built into current versions of Google's Chrome browser. The 8.x generation of Acrobat is also unaffected.

Adobe calls this a critical vulnerability in the auth-play.dll component of the affected products. It could

cause a crash and allow the attacker to take control of the system in the context of the user running the affected product.

Reader and Acrobat 9.x users can mitigate the vulnerability by deleting, renaming or denying access to the auth-play component which, on Windows, is typically located at C:\Program Files\Adobe\Reader 9.0\Reader\authplay.dll for Adobe Reader or C:\Program Files\Adobe\Acrobat 9.0\Acrobat\authplay.dll for Acrobat. After this change users who open a PDF with SWF content will experience a non-exploitable crash. Users who don't see the need to run PDFs with Flash content in them may consider this change permanently. I know I'm doing that.

Adobe is still working on a schedule for patches for the affected products. Famed Mac OS security researcher Dino Dai Zovi has information on the source of the attacks.





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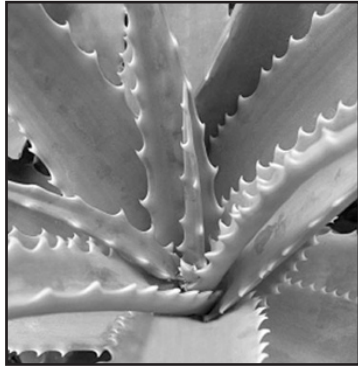
This houseplant is great for relieving sunburn—and that's just the beginning of its health and beauty superpowers.

Mouth Soother

Treat those pesky canker and cold sores naturally with a dab of aloe, the Academy of General Dentistry suggests. The plant's glycoproteins and polysaccharides fight pain and help the sores heal faster—without stinging or an icky taste.

Hair Revitalizer

Love the pool, but hate how the chlorine dries out your locks? Once a week, use



this pre-shampoo treatment from Lina Hanson, author of *Eco-Beautiful—The Ultimate Guide to Natural Beauty and Wellness*.

Combine 1/2 cup aloe vera gel, 1/2 cup Castile soap, and 1/2 teaspoon jojoba oil; apply to scalp and hair. Leave in for 10 minutes; rinse, shampoo, and condition, as usual. Aloe's vitamins C and E thoroughly nourish damaged hair.

Feet Treat

Prevent dry scaly feet with this scrub from Lauren Cox's *Eco Beauty*. Stir together 1/2 cup brown sugar, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 2 tablespoons aloe vera gel, and 1



teaspoon coconut oil.

Massage 2 tablespoons onto each foot, especially on rough areas. The aloe and coconut oil soften and soothe, the brown sugar exfoliates, and the lemon juice brightens skin.

Scar Minimizer

Heal small cuts, nicks, and burns with aloe after washing them with soap and water. Aloe's allantoin stimulates new cell growth, which can help prevent later scarring, says Alan Logan, a naturopathic physician and the author of *The Clear Skin Diet*.

Keep your aloe plant in the kitchen to soothe minor burns fast.

Chocolate milk help muscles recover from exercise



Fat-free chocolate milk beat out carbohydrate sports drinks at helping to rebuild and refuel muscles after exercise, researchers report.

The combination of carbohydrates and protein in low-fat chocolate milk appears to be "just right" for refueling weary muscles, says William Lunn, PhD, an exercise scientist at the University of Connecticut.

"It's not just a dessert item, but it's very healthy, especially for endurance athletes," Lunn said.

The research involved eight male runners in good physical shape who ate a balanced diet for two weeks. At the end of each week, they took a fast paced, 45-minute run.

Following each run, the men drank either 16 ounces of fat-free chocolate milk or 16 ounces of a carbohydrate-only sports beverage with the same number of calories.

Post-exercise muscle biopsies showed increased skeletal muscle protein synthesis -- a sign that muscles were better able to rebuild -- after the milk drink, compared with the carb-only beverage.

Additionally, drinking fat-free chocolate milk led to a higher concentration of glycogen, or muscle fuel, in muscles 30 and 60 minutes after exercise, compared with the sports drink. Replenishing glycogen after exercise helps future performance, Lunn says.

While only men were studied, one would expect women to gain the same post-workout benefits from chocolate milk, he says.

"Athletes can consider it an inexpensive nutritional alternative to engineered sports beverages for help with post-workout recovery," says sports nutritionist Nancy Clark, MS, RD, of Healthworks Fitness Center in Chestnut Hill, Mass.



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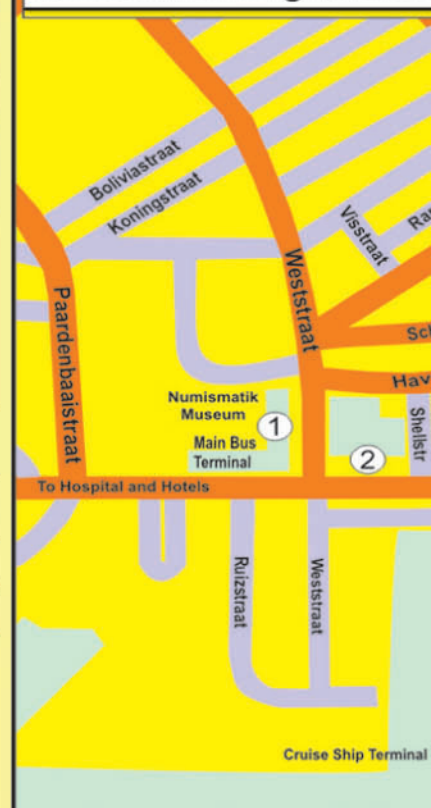


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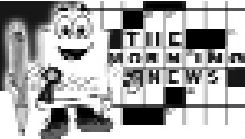
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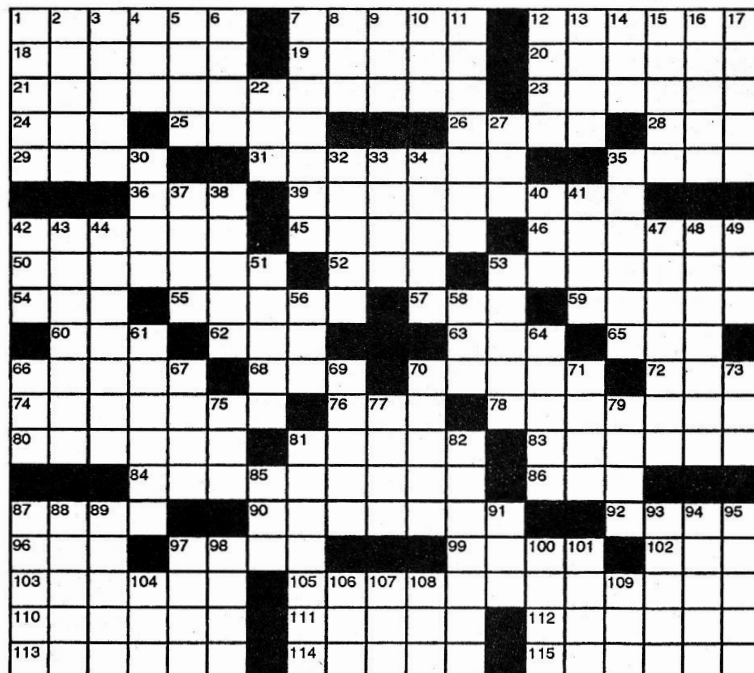
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7. Capital of Morocco
12. Cloth
18. Parody
19. Make happy
20. Roman goddess of the dawn
21. Male teacher
23. "___ Mater"
24. Before, in verse
25. Happy
26. Mag section
28. Printemps follower
29. Sleuth Wolfe
31. Ordeal bean
35. Consumer
36. Cleo's snake
39. Aristocrat
42. Old Iran
45. Giant
46. Enigma
50. Clear plastic film
52. Operate
53. "The Human Comedy" author
54. Crafty
55. Makes coins
57. Afternoon reception
59. Feel
60. Money earned on money: abbr.
62. Actress Munson
63. Math course: abbr.
65. Met in session
66. Show mercy to
68. Shoshonean
70. "___ Jacques"
72. "The ___ Squad"
74. Native of Tel Aviv
76. River to the Rhine
78. Landlord: Ital.
80. Hawk
81. Underworld slang
83. Stops
84. Found
86. Double curve
87. Wire nail
90. Prairie wolves
92. Rams' mates
96. Petroleum
97. Shoe lift
99. Unusual
102. Etiquette expert
103. Called forth
105. Preface
110. Employ laid-off workers
111. Caravansary
112. Japanese religion
113. ___ Island ferry
114. Watered down
115. Flipped

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2. Mother-of-pearl
3. Anesthetic
4. ___ Grande
5. Sailor's drink
6. Scream
7. Modify again
8. Danish island
9. Baseball stick
10. Devoured
11. Lay of the land
12. Rapid
13. Horseless carriage
14. Halter
15. Gowns
16. Very angry
17. Provide food
22. Singer Davis
27. Killer whale
30. Malt kiln
32. Lions' dens
33. Chief Near Island
34. Small goose
35. Destroys
37. Thailand
38. Terrace
40. Lyricist Gershwin
41. Ventilates
42. Dance step
43. Overshadow
44. Name for a fox
47. Electric generators
48. ___ in is a rotten egg!
49. Opposite of WSW
51. Boredom
53. Orchid tuber starch
56. Make lace
58. Otic organ
61. Swapped
64. Meal prayer
66. Taste a drink
67. Lampreys
69. Ahead of time
70. Frozen dew
71. Greek resistance movement: abbr.
73. ___ Plains
75. Allow
77. Exchange premium
79. Demolish, in England
81. Do away with
82. Beastly
85. One-spot
87. South African Dutchmen
88. Hold firmly
89. Hawaiian greeting
91. Morose
93. Farm carts
94. Overact
95. Church council
97. In this place
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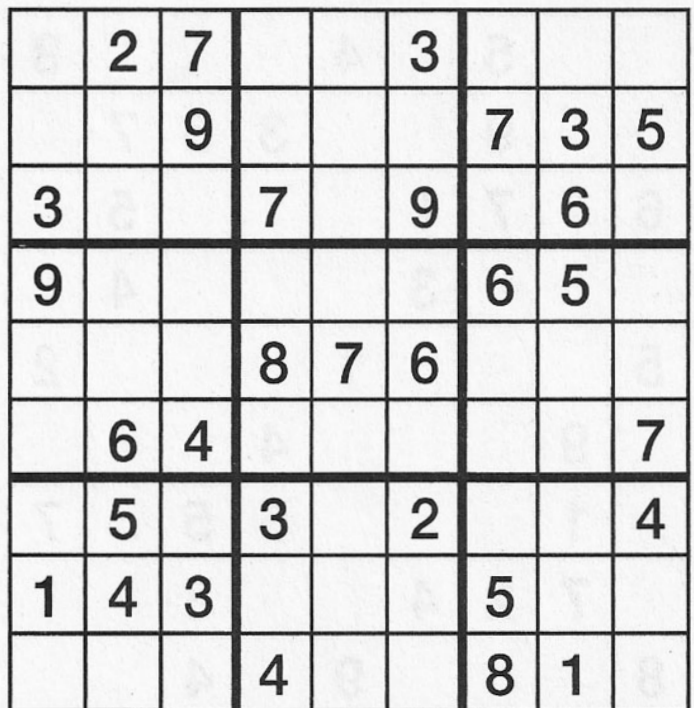
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US stock futures point to a continued slide

US stock futures are showing signs of continuing downward to start off the week, after less-than-rosy US employment data put in doubt the strength of the economic recovery and further debt woes play on the markets in Europe. Currently all leading stock futures are in the red with the DOW off 42 points or 0.42%, while the NASDAQ and S&P are slightly lower by 0.50% and 0.30% respectively.

The end of last week saw a sharp drop off on Wall Street, after US non-farm payrolls came back much flatter than what investors were hoping

for. While overall the US labor market added more jobs than any time since March of 2000, the additions were mostly due to the hiring of temporary consensus workers making evident the lack of growth over the private sector. What's more, Hungary has helped to flame up sovereign debt tensions in the euro zone after officials there announced worries over the fiscal situation in the Eastern European country. The EUR/USD fell to a fresh 4-year low below 1.2000 on the news, which it attempts to recover from today.

EU seeks safety net deal, Germany sets cuts

LUXEMBOURG/BERLIN – European finance ministers sought to calm nervous markets yesterday by nailing down details of a massive financial safety net for the euro zone as Germany unveiled new budget cuts it hopes will set an example for its partners in the bloc.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel's coalition agreed to pursue savings of 11.2 billion euros next year, part of a multi-year package of 80 billion designed to restore investor confidence in the finances of the 16-nation currency bloc.

Citing diary problems, however, Merkel postponed crucial talks with French President Nicolas Sarkozy on reforming the euro zone's governance, in a possible sign of differences between the co-founders of the single currency.

Ministers from the 16 nations that share the euro met to approve arrangements to allow a Special Purpose Vehicle to raise up to 440 billion euros to lend to euro zone nations that run into Greek-style payments problems.

Outside the euro zone, British Prime Minister David Cameron told Britons the scale of the country's budget problems was even worse than he had anticipated and Greece's debt crisis showed the perils facing governments that fail to act.

"Greece stands as a warning of what happens to countries that lose their credibility or whose governments pretend that difficult decisions can somehow be avoided," he said.

Hungary's new center-right rulers, who spooked markets last week with loose talk of the country facing a Greek-style crisis, tried to reassure investors yesterday by pledging

Policymakers urge clear plans for cutting deficits

MONTREAL, Canada – Countries with big deficits must offer clear plans on how they will balance their budgets to maintain investor confidence and avoid problems seen in Europe, top economic policymakers said yesterday.

The warnings came after finance ministers and central bankers meeting in South Korea reached an uneasy compromise on Saturday on the speed at which budget cuts should be made to calm global financial markets rattled by the spreading debt crisis in Europe.



to stick to deficit cutting targets their predecessors agreed with the IMF.

The ministers also discussed ways of tightening surveillance of national budgets and applying earlier and tougher sanctions against countries that breach EU deficit limits or misrepresent their statistics, as Greece did.

Investors fled peripheral euro zone government stocks and bonds last week on doubts about how the euro rescue mechanism would work and worries about the solvency of European banks exposed to the sovereign debt crisis.

A weak euro

Concern about political stability in Spain, the biggest of the troubled southern euro zone economies, stoked market anxiety.

Spain's 5-year government bond yield was back near the 3.91 percent peak it hit immediately before the euro zone's deal last month on a \$1 trillion backstop arrangement for the single currency area and before the European Central Bank began buying government bonds. The single currency traded close to its lowest level in 4 years below \$1.20 after plunging last Friday, partly in reaction to comments from French Prime Minister Francois Fillon welcoming the single currency's weakening against the dollar.

Juncker and Rehn both said they were more concerned by the pace of the euro's decline than by the lower exchange rate.

ECB President Jean-Claude Trichet said Saturday that European authorities were close to completing new stress tests on the banking system and would make "appropriate communication" once that was done.

However, it was not clear whether this would involve testing individual banks and recommending which ones need fresh capital as advocated by U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner in a letter to G20 colleagues published at the weekend.

The euro zone ministers regular monthly meeting has taken on extra significance be-

cause of the market turmoil and pressure from Germany, the biggest European economy, for sharp public spending cuts to clean up debt-laden public finances.

In Berlin, Merkel's cabinet agreed to pursue savings of 30 billion euros over the next four years in welfare, mainly from unemployment benefits, and to slash thousands of federal government jobs.

On the revenue side, the German government wants to raise an extra 2.3 billion euros per year by taxing the profits of nuclear power station operators and introducing an "environmental" tax on domestic air travel.

Merkel resisted calls by some members of her conservative party for an increase in certain value-added tax (VAT) rates, a step she had definitively ruled out during last year's election campaign.

The new savings are unlikely to please some of Germany's partners, including the United States, which pressured Berlin at a G20 meeting in Busan, South Korea, to take steps to stimulate domestic demand and help the global recovery.

Merkel and Sarkozy had been due to patch up their differences over the euro zone and financial regulation at a private dinner in Berlin, 10 days before a crucial EU summit on reforming the bloc's economic governance.

That meeting will now take place next Monday, the German government said.

Sarkozy has refrained from public criticism of Merkel during the Greek crisis, although French officials have been privately critical of her procrastination, which they contend increased the cost of the Greek bailout.

Although Hungary is not in the euro zone, the risk of financial turmoil in wider EU countries is one of the factors weighing on confidence in the euro and in euro zone banks which have substantial exposure to central and eastern Europe.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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every word uttered into a festive happening and so even the song about soup was lively and a lot of fun. Her band and back-up singer were outstanding and the cheers and standing ovation afterward her concert were definitely also for them.

On both evenings Izaline's performance had a special, small-packaged highlight: the singer introduced Victoria, her cute, wide-eyed little baby girl. Showing her off was one of the reasons that the singer had flown to her native is-

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A kitesurfer or kiteboarder uses a board with or without foot-straps or bindings, combined with the power of a large controllable kite to propel the rider and the board across the water. In 2006, the number of kitesurfers has been estimated

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Anger about oil spill turns to protests of BP



Photo above shows a wall painted with protests messages against British Petroleum (BP) and U.S. President Barack Obama when Obama's motorcade traveled from New Orleans to Grand Isle, Louisiana, on June 4.



England unimpressive in 3-0 win



England manager Fabio Capello gestures to his players during the England v Platinum Stars Friendly match at the Moruleng Stadium

MORULENG, South Africa -- England's first-half performance in its final tuneup for the World Cup so upset its coach that he couldn't leave the field.

Fabio Capello remained outside on his own next to the pitch at halftime in a match with a South African league team. England overcame its inconsistency for a 3-0 win Monday, not quite the proper way to prepare for Saturday's opener against the United States.

Jermain Defoe, Joe Cole and Wayne Rooney scored against the Platinum Stars in front of a small crowd.

Only midfielder Joe Cole played the entire match as Capello made 10 changes at halftime. Only injured midfielder Gareth Barry, who will miss Saturday's match against the U.S. with an ankle injury, and goalkeeper David James did not play any part in the game.

Rooney was one of the substitutes and his second-half yellow card for indicating to the referee that he needed eyeglasses perfectly illustrated the team's frustrations at playing poorly just five days before meeting the Americans.

Cole was lively, but England labored throughout and struggled to retain possession even after increasing its tempo in the second half.

Capello used a lineup that, except for Rooney's exclusion and starting 23-year-old Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Hart, could open the game in Rustenburg on Saturday.

Rooney is guaranteed to start Saturday, but Hart has never started a game for England.

"It was a good run out, we needed to get the game in and to play 45 minutes felt good, so I was happy," Rooney said. "We are ready -- these

are preparation games for us for the big one now coming up on Saturday."

John Terry and Ledley King were in central defense, with the injured Rio Ferdinand watching from the sideline.

"We understand each other's game really well and it was important that we got 45 minutes today in a real competitive game," Terry said.

England took just three minutes to go in front against the mid-ranked South African Premier League opponent.

Shaun Wright-Phillips slipped a pass through to Steven Gerrard and Ferdinand's replacement as captain strolled down the right side before pulling the ball back for Defoe to roll it into the net.

But three minutes later, England fullback Glen Johnson made the first mistake of an error-strewn 45 minutes when he knocked over striker Mzikayise Mashaba to concede a penalty kick.

Bradley Grobler sent the kick over the crossbar. Johnson later missed a chance of his own.

Other players were similarly unimpressive.

Striker Peter Crouch missed the ball completely when Ashley Cole sent a neat cross. Wright-Phillips and Joe Cole misplaced crosses. The midfield pairing of Steven Gerrard and Frank Lampard was easily passed by the attacking home team.

Such was Capello's ire, the Italian had to be warned by the fourth official after straying from the coaching area too many times.

Robinho, Kaka lead Brazil to 5-1 win over Tanzania



Brazilian football striker Robinho celebrates with team mate Ramires following their third goal against Tanzania in a friendly match. Brazil won 5-1

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania -- Robinho scored two goals and Kaka added another as Brazil easily defeated Tanzania 5-1 Monday in its last warmup before the World Cup.

Robinho scored first with a shot from inside the area in the 10th minute and added to the lead with a header in the 33rd at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam. Substitute midfielder Ramires scored his first two international goals in the 52nd and in injury time, while Kaka chested in a cross in the 76th.

"There is still something missing. But we still have a week to go before the opener and we will work to get better," said Kaka, who came into the match nursing a thigh injury but played the entire match.

Tanzania's lone goal was scored by Jabir Aziz from a

corner in the 87th.

Brazil hadn't allowed a goal in five matches, since a 2-1 loss to Bolivia last October in a World Cup qualifier in the high altitude of La Paz.

Brazil is in Group G at the World Cup and starts its campaign against North Korea on June 15 before facing Ivory Coast on June 20 and Portugal five days later.

Did you know

On four occasions, a team in the Final of the FIFA World Cup™ has scored four or more goals.

The first time was in the first final, in 1930, when hosts Uruguay overcame South American rivals Argentina 4-2 in front of a crowd of 93,000 people in Montevideo to become the first world champions.

In 1958, a 17-year-old Pele guided Brazil to a 5-2 win over Sweden. The teenager burst onto the scene at the tournament and sealed his arrival with a brace in the final as the Brazilians fought back for a convincing victory after the hosts had taken an early lead.

England famously defeated West Germany 4-2 in 1966, thanks in part to Geoff Hurst's hat-trick at Wembley. Pele was again a key figure in 1970, opening the scoring in Mexico City as Brazil romped past Italy 4-1.

Group A

South Africa
Mexico
Uruguay
France

Group B

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Nigeria
Korea Republic
Greece

Group C

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USA
Algeria
Slovenia

Group D

Germany
Australia
Serbia
Ghana

Group E

Netherlands
Denmark
Japan
Cameroon

Group F

Italy
Paraguay
New Zealand
Slovakia

Group G

Brazil
Korea DPR
Côte d'Ivoire
Portugal

Group H

Spain
Switzerland
Honduras
Chile



The Road to 2010 FIFA World Cup

Top 10 wrong Pele predictions



Pelé may have been one of the greatest players in the history of the game, having been part of three victorious World Cup teams in 1958, 1962 and 1970, but, since retiring, he has become less respected as a pundit off-the-pitch.

The Brazilian is infamous for his numerous wrong predictions over the years. Romario once declared that "Pelé is a poet when he keeps his mouth shut", while coach Luiz Felipe Scolari delivered the legendary line, "I believe Pelé knows nothing about football. His analysis always turns out to be wrong. If you want to win a title, you have to listen to Pelé and then do the opposite."

10) China 2002

Pelé Prediction: China will qualify for the next round from their 2002 World Cup group.

Outcome: China finish bottom of Group C with no wins, no draws, no points, no goals, as well as -9 in their goal-difference column.

9) Spain 1998

Pelé Prediction: Spain are favourites for the 1998 World Cup in France.

Outcome: Spain humiliatingly dumped out in the first round after losing to Nigeria, and drawing with Paraguay.

8) Colombia To Live American Dream

Pelé Prediction: Colombia will win the 1994 World Cup in the USA.

Outcome: Colombia exit

the competition in the first round, finishing bottom of their group. Their defender Andres Escobar is also tragically shot dead by an angry fan after Colombia return home.

7) Argentina, France & World Cup 2002

Pelé Prediction: Argentina & France will both reach the final.

Outcome: Both countries eliminated in the first round, France without even scoring a goal.

6) Escape To Victory

Pelé Prediction: During the famous film starring Sylvester Stallone and Michael Caine, Allies star Pelé is brutally fouled in the first half by the Nazi opponents. The

injured Brazilian claims there is no way he can continue and is carried off. The Allies are 4-0 down, and a recovery is deemed impossible.

Outcome: Pelé returns in the second half and inspires his team to an improbable comeback, even scoring a stunning bicycle kick. Even in fiction, Pelé's predictions go wrong.

5) Ronaldo Is Finished

Pelé Prediction: Ronaldo will never play football again, and his career is over, following a serious injury for Milan in February 2008.

Outcome: Ronaldo returns in March 2009 for Corinthians, scoring 10 goals in his first 14 games to win the Campeonato Paulista.

4) Nii Lamptey - 'The New Pelé'

Pelé Prediction: After starring in the 1991 Under-17 World Cup, which also featured Alessandro Del Piero, Pelé proclaims Ghana youngster Lamptey as his successor, 'The New Pelé'.

Outcome: What happens next goes down in football infamy. Lamptey spectacularly fails to fulfil his talent, believing himself that he was cursed by dark forces. The midfielder shifts around clubs such as PSV, Aston Villa, Coventry, Venezia and Ankaragucu, without success, and endures tragedy in his personal life, as two of his children die.

3) Nicky Barmby - Up There With Zidane, Maldini & Ronaldo

Pelé Prediction: Nicky Barmby will become a world class star.

Outcome: Nicky Barmby becomes nothing more than an average player, winning 23 England caps, and never even appearing in a World Cup.

2) Africa Will Rule

Pelé Prediction: An African nation will win the World Cup before the year 2000.

Outcome: It is now 2010, and an African country has still yet to get past the quarter-final.

1) Brazil & World Cup 2002

Pelé Prediction: Brazil won't even get past the group stages.

Outcome: Brazil win the World Cup.

Claudio Caniggia believes Argentina must make Lionel Messi feel like a star



Former Argentina international Claudio Caniggia believes Leo Messi has the mental strength to be a real force at this summer's World Cup, but admits he is worried that the FIFA World Player of the Year doesn't feel like a star when turning out for his country.

"[Messi is] a spectacular player," Caniggia told Ole. "He can play in any position and fits into every tactic. He has many variations and above all, he can decide a match in one second. He has

skill in short spaces... Today he is number one."

The former Rangers and Roma star went on to suggest that, in order to see the best out of him, Argentina have to make him their star man in the same way that his club Barcelona do.

"Messi lives accustomed to pressure but Barcelona are more relaxed and he knows the players well. They have Xavi, there is no other midfielder in the world like him, and there is [Andres] Iniesta.

"Messi plays like a boy at a club who loves him and make him feel relaxed. I'm not saying that the Argentina shirt weighs him down, but I think sometimes I look at Messi's face and he does not feel like the star. That is never good."

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NBA finals are Boston bound tied at a game apiece



BOSTON — Chin resting in his hand, mouth barely moving as he spoke, Kobe Bryant had the look of someone who would have rather been anywhere but Staples Center.

The next few nights might make him long to be back home.

The NBA's best rivalry is returning to its East Coast headquarters, site of perhaps the most miserable moment of Bryant's career last time he and the Los Angeles Lakers

were here for the finals.

And the Boston Celtics and their green-clad fans can't wait to welcome him back.

"I feel good going back to the jungle," Celtics forward Kevin Garnett said Sunday.

Those familiar "Beat L.A! Beat L.A!" chants that have echoed through the Garden during so many springtimes will be booming again, and the Celtics can lock up an 18th NBA title if they can do

just that three times.

Game 2 is tonight, followed by games Thursday and Sunday in Boston.

The Celtics evened the series at a game apiece with their 103-94 victory in Game 2, with guards Rajon Rondo and Ray Allen taking turns punishing the Lakers, and Bryant often powerless to stop them because of foul trouble.

A fuming Bryant had little to say afterward, offering terse responses as he looked back on that game and ahead to the next one.

"It's the most important game. Game 1 was the most important, Game 2 was the most important, now it's Game 3," Bryant said. "It's just the next game, simple as that."

The finals are deadlocked after two games for the first time since 2004, when the Detroit Pistons split a pair in Los Angeles before coming home and winning three straight to take the series. That was Bryant's first loss in the championship round.

His other one came two years ago, on a night the Lakers will never forget.

The Celtics pummeled them 131-92 in a Game 6 rout that was decided after mere minutes. While Garnett, Allen and Pierce celebrated their long-awaited first NBA title, the humiliated Lakers sat trapped in their team bus as Boston fans taunted them from the street.

"Obviously there's feelings involved and there's memories that are in there, which should help us, should help us to push through and to battle even harder," Lakers forward Pau Gasol said of that night.

Both teams were off Monday following the cross-country flight from Los Angeles.

Dominant Silva sinks Bucs

PITTSBURGH -- Right-hander Carlos Silva's magical season continued as he pitched the Cubs to a 6-1 victory over the Pirates in a makeup game from June 2 on Monday afternoon at PNC Park.

"Silva pitched really, really well," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said. "Hitting-wise Jeff Baker and Marlon Byrd had nice days and in the ninth inning we got some insurance runs. It was a good win for us."

Silva tossed seven innings, surrendering one run on four hits and made history, becoming the first Cubs starter since Ken Holtzman, who went 9-0 in 1967, to open a season with eight wins and no losses.

The amazing thing was Silva wasn't feeling up to par as the game wore on.

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Silva joined some pretty special company, considering the last pitcher in the Major Leagues to do that with any team was CC Sabathia, who went 8-0 in his first 10 starts with the Brewers in 2008. He also became the first Cubs starter to begin his Cubs career 8-0 in 100 years. King Cole started 8-0 back in 1910.

"It feels great," Silva said of upping his record to 8-0. "I thank God for all of this, not only for me, but for my whole family. Last year was brutal and this is like, man you know, I've got like 20 messages already from my brothers and my mother. Not only for me, but my team and my family. It's really like a blessing, it's amazing."

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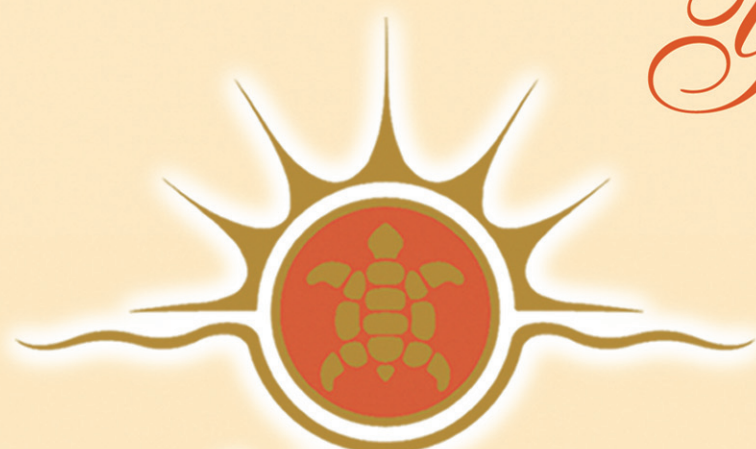


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Helen Thomas quits after Israel comments

Longtime Washington journalist Helen Thomas abruptly retired yesterday as a columnist for Hearst News Service following remarks she made about Israel that were denounced by the White House and her press corps colleagues. Journalist Helen Thomas, who has covered every administration since Eisenhower's and occupies front-row center in the White House briefing room is taking heat for comments she recently made on Israel.

The latest Thomas controversy erupted Friday after a rabbi asked her and other attendees at a Jewish American Heritage Month celebration, held May 27 at the White House, "Any comments on Israel?"

Thomas, a longtime critic of Israeli policy, replied: "Tell them to get the hell out of Palestine." She continued to say that the Palestinians are "occupied" and that the Jews should "Go home" — to Germany, Poland, America and "everywhere else."

The speaker's agency representing Thomas has dropped her, and a high school canceled her commencement speech.

Members of the White House Correspondents Association, which oversees seating in the briefing room, discussed the Thomas situation over weekend emails and met yesterday to hash out a response, according to a source with knowledge of the situation.

"I deeply regret my comments I made last week regarding the Israelis and the Palestinians," the 89-year-old Thomas wrote on her website. "They do not reflect my heartfelt belief that peace will come to the Middle East only when all parties recognize the need for mutual respect and tolerance. May that day come soon."

Thomas continued apologizing in the Washington Post, telling its media critic, Howard



Kurtz, in a Monday column: "I'm very sorry for my remarks. I think I crossed the line. I made a mistake."



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